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SUBJECT: US-EC WINE REGULATIONS--TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES BELIEVE THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC COMMISSION IN SEPTEMBER, PERHAPS DURING THE WEEK OF THE 19TH, WOULD BE QUITE USEFUL. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTATION WOULD BE:

(A) TO TEST THE CLIMATE FOR ACCOMMODATION IN THE APPLICATION OF THE EC'S REGULATIONS AND DISCUSS HOW THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

(B) TO DISCUSS WITH THE EC OUR INTENTIONS IN RESPECT TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. LABELING REGULATIONS, AND LEARN IF THE STANDARDS PROPOSED WILL QUALIFY AS "SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT" TO EC REQUIREMENTS. IF ATF IS TO BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE EC VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT IN ESTABLISHING U.S. REGULATIONS, CONSULTATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED BEFORE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT U.S. LABELING REGULATIONS ARE FINALIZED.

(C) TO DETERMINE WHICH DEROGATIONS FROM SPECIFIC EC

LABELING REQUIREMENTS ARE READILY ATTAINABLE, I.E. POSSIBLY CERTAIN VARIETAL NOMENCLATURE DEROGATIONS.

(D) TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL TOPICS INCLUDING: APPELLATIONS OF ORIGIN; WHICH WINES MUST BE LABELED AS FORTIFIED; THE USE OF FRENCH, GERMAN, OR ITALIAN WORDS ON LABELS; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUALITATIVE DESCRIPTIONS ON LABELS; RELIGIOUS DESIGNATIONS ON LABELS.

(E) TO SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY ENSURE THAT U.S. WINE COULD CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTED DURING AN INTERIM PERIOD WHILE MORE PERMANENT SOLUTIONS ARE BEING WORKED OUT.

2. WE APPRECIATE THE EXEMPTION FROM THE EC'S OENOLOGICAL CERTIFICATION WHICH HAS BEEN GRANTED TO U.S. WINES ON THE BASIS THAT U.S. WINE EXPORTS TO THE EC TOTAL LESS THAN 1000 HECTOLITERS ANNUALLY. THIS EXEMPTION IS ONLY A TEMPORARY SOLUTION FOR US, HOWEVER, SINCE WE HOPE U.S. EXPORTS WILL EVENTUALLY EXCEED THAT LIMIT. WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE EC'S LIST OF APPROVED OR PROHIBITED OENOLOGICAL PRACTICES AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE AVENUES FOR ACCOMMODATION. VANCE

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